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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No: 10/587,778  
Applicants: Hajime Maekawa, et al.  
Filed: July 28, 2006  
Title: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM,  
INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, TUNNEL MANAGEMENT  
APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, TUNNEL  
MANAGEMENT METHOD, AND PROGRAM  
TC/A.U.: 2442  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**Expedited Procedure**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 24, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.